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SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. The next speaker is Senator Don Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Madam President, members of the Legislature, certainly in concept I agree with Senator Chambers' approach to this. It...and...and one of the judges that he referred to is a judge from my district that simply says the program is broken. Now, it's costing us a million dollars a year to support a broken program, and I don't see any benefit. When we in the Appropriations Committee, just to refresh your recollections, when we asked the Attorney General to come in and to see what it would take to correct this situation, came up with a \$200,000 plus budget that would be required in order to enforce the responsibility. The way it goes now, when there is one of these reviews that's...that's coming up, revocation, it is referred to the Attorney General. The Attorney General then declines to proceed with it, refers it to the local county attorneys. And, as you can see from the list of claims we had, there are not all that many that are even being enforced at all. I think, in a large measure, many of the counties aren't doing anything with them. Those that are doing something, it's a burden the way that the Attorney General's Office is handling this because in...in our county, in Lincoln County, this could be handled by a phone call, and that these hearings generally don't take very long. But what happens is when the Attorney General doesn't do it, there may be a 300-page transcript that...that the county attorney has to review, and there...it's kind of a cottage industry that we have in North Platte in that there are some people who are representing the defendants in these matters that...that have...it's been very good business for them. And it doesn't go anywhere, it doesn't do anything, so for that, I considered that...that we should definitely be looking into at least a review of whether or not we should sustain this program or whether we should just drop it. So I'm in the position where I can't necessarily support Senator Chambers' position but I...but I do. Well, anyway, Madam President, I think this is a matter that needs to be looked into. I think we're wasting a lot of money. We're not accomplishing anything, and perhaps we did this at a time when it is one of those things we're trying to show that we're tough